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West of the Lake Region Cadillac & LaSalle Club

May 2025

WOTLR Members Tour Bradley House



A 125 year old Frank Lloyd Wright design filled with history.

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Spring has Sprung !!!

Spring is slowly arriving, the weather is getting warmer, and we are getting ready for another season of car shows, cruise nights and enjoying driving our vintage Cadillacs. So, here is a weather-related question - - If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring? PILGRIMS !!!

OK, so maybe this is why the Comedy Club is not returning my phone calls.

On April 12th, 15 members of our Club gathered at the Bradley House in Kankakee to tour Frank Lloyd Wright's first prairie designed house. What a magnificent home. It's hard to image that this house was built for a married couple with just one child. For those of you that were unable to attend, put this place on your list of things to do this summer.

As you know, getting new members and retaining current members is always challenging and the CLC is really focusing on this important aspect of our Club (see page 12 of the April "Self Starter"). Let's all remember that when you are at any event to always have a few CLC rack cards with you as a way of promoting our Club. Our beautiful cars will always attract attention so that is the perfect opportunity to tell folks about the Cadillac-LaSalle Club.

I think, as a Region, we do a great job in planning activities that will give us a chance to stay connected with our members. And here is another idea for your consideration. At my church, our monthly newsletter prints a list of birthdays for each month. It's a nice way for members of our congregation to brighten someone's day by sharing a Birthday greeting with them. Why not do that for our Region? If you're interest, please send me an E-mail with your name and birthday (not year) and I will be sure to have a list of birthdays for each month's newsletter.

And lastly, with the warmer weather and more events to attend, here are some driving tips that we need to remember if you are ever pulled over - 10 things NOT to say to a police officer:

1. I can't reach my license unless you hold my beer (OK in Texas),
2. Sorry, Officer. I didn't realize my radar detector wasn't plugged in.
3. Aren't you the guy from the Village People?
4. Hey, you must have been going about 125MPH to keep up with me. Good job !!
5. Are you Andy or Barney?
6. I thought you had to be in relatively good physical condition to be a police officer.
7. You aren't going to check the trunk, are you?
8. I pay your salary.
9. Do you know why you pulled me over? Okay, just so one of us does.
10. Gee, Officer, that's terrific !! The last officer only gave me a warning, too.

Enjoy the ride !!!

David Schumann

Month	Date	Event	Time	Details
May	27	Monthly Meeting	7:30 PM	American Legion Hall, Elmhurst, IL 301 W. Butterfield Rd., Elmhurst, IL
June	1	Union Grove Lions Car Show	8AM	Racine Fair Grounds, Union Grove, WI (See Pg. 7)
	7	Glen Ellyn Vintage Auto Fest	10AM-3PM	800 N. Main Street, Glen Ellyn, IL (See page 8)
	20	Covenant of Batavia Senior Show	1PM-3PM	700 W. Fabyan Pkwy., Batavia, IL See Page 9)
	24	Monthly Meeting	7:30 PM	American Legion Hall, Elmhurst, IL
July	12	Mt. Prospect Lyons Cruise Night	3PM-8PM	NW Hwy & Maple, Mt. Prospect-Featuring Cadillacs
	20	AACA Car Show	9AM-2PM	Carpenters Park, Carpentersville, IL (See Page 10)
	29	Monthly Meeting	7:30 PM	American Legion Hall, Elmhurst, IL
August	16	Patrick Cadillac Show	9AM-2PM	Patrick Cadillac, Schaumburg, IL (See Page 11)
	24	Geneva Concours d'Elegance	10AM-4PM	Downtown Geneva, IL
	26	Monthly Meeting	7:30 PM	American Legion Hall, Elmhurst, IL

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 Don't forget about our website: www.westofthelakeclc.com Send your car photos to us and we'll add them to the website. Help us to help you get the most out of our club!

Member Video Page



This is the spot where we feature a short story of your car, a project you are working on or any tips you want to share with the club. Be sure to visit our page and SUBSCRIBE, the more subscribers we have the higher up our videos land in the YouTube search engine.



COMING NEXT MONTH: We will feature a video that will answer common questions about using a consignment service to sell your classic car. Jon Cody, of Cody's Classic Cars stopped by to tell us the pros and cons, costs and benefits of using a consignment service to buy or sell a car. The video is being edited as we speak, look for the finished product in this space next month.

Don't forget to submit your YouTube Video featuring your car or a repair you have done. We have thousands of subscribers just waiting to see your talents.

Send your video to us at westofthelakeclc@gmail.com and we'll feature it right here in our newsletter.

We are reaching a large audience with helpful videos. If you would like to share your knowledge, please consider making a video and uploading it to our YouTube Channel, you could be helping Cadillac owners around the world! Send your video to: westofthelakeclc@gmail.com

Just a reminder...

All CLC regional members are required to be members of the National Cadillac & La Salle Club as well. Among the many benefits that the CLC offers, they carry insurance coverage for all CLC events. This coverage will cover only members in the event that something happens. If you are not a National CLC member, please contact the National office today.

Welcome New Members:

Don & Bonnie Hausler
Plano, IL
1957 Cadillac Coupe deVille
1987 Cadillac Brougham

Ronald & Kathy Gallian
Glen Ellyn, IL
1993 Cadillac Fleetwood
Brougham

New members (and long term members – notice I didn't say "old") feel free to reach out with your life/car story and photos of your cars. We want to keep our website updated and your car photos are just what we need!

Please remember to carry a couple of West of the Lake Region membership applications (at the end of this newsletter) in your glove box.



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Hey! What's your story?

Have an interesting story about your car, your life or an event the club might find interesting? Share it with us. We are always looking for features for the newsletter. Don't be shy, share your story. You don't have to be a writer, we have word-workers who can put your words into print. Operators are standing by, contact Tom Orlando today: westofthelakeclc@gmail.com

SENDING OUT GOOD THOUGHTS:

Despite a cold winter, we aren't aware of anyone under the weather or in need of any help. That is a good enough reason to be thankful as we start our new season.

A phone call, e-mail or card is always welcome when someone is feeling low, a good thought or a little prayer is nice too.

If you know of a member in need, please let us know so we can reach out.

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On Saturday, April 12th, more than a dozen members of the West of the Lake Region took the scenic drive to Kankakee, Illinois to tour the 1900 B. Harley Bradley House. The fully restored Frank Lloyd Wright is an early version of his famous Prairie Style of architecture.

Guests enjoyed the history of the house and its owner, B Harley Bradley. Following the tour, everyone gathered for a late lunch at Kankakee's Burgers and Beers.



Each month in 2025, we're featuring interesting stories from our 40 year history. This photo, taken at one of our Heritage Cadillac Shows.

Left to right are Glenn Brown, Gene Johnson, Rick Raciborski, Herb "Schautz" Kachele and Jim Houtari.

The photo was taken some time before 2004, and the way-back-memory-machine says Schautz drove a 1959 Cadillac with underglow lights.

It took a couple of back and forth e-mails, but Marilyn Schweitzer came up with Schautz's full name and Ron Schweitzer remembered his car.

Your faithful Editor finds himself doing the same thing: "What's his name was there, you know, red '67 convertible with white leather seats and a trailer hitch." "Oh yeah. He's a nice guy."

As is evident from this photo, our minds always remember the good times and the nice people; let's make it a point to make plenty of new friends and memories as we enter the next forty years of the West of the Lake Region.

Photo: West of the Lake Region Archives



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This is a great opportunity to get together with other members of the West of the Lake Region and use our cars to help residents of Covenant Living share memories.

RSVP with Ron Schweitzer at (630) 833-3593
brghm58@yahoo.com

This is an event coordinated by our own Steve Szot, and you can be sure it will be First Class as usual.



PATRICK CADILLAC

3rd Annual Patrick Cadillac Show
Saturday, August 16th
9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
526 Mall Drive, Schaumburg, IL

Join us for food, music, trophies and lots of fun at our Premier Cadillac Show of the season!



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For more information, contact Dave Schumann: uncledavid@comcast.net

If you ever wondered about the origins of Patrick Cadillac, here's a bit of trivia from our own Elmhurst historian, Ron Schweitzer.

Les Bierk Cadillac was located in Elmhurst. Ron says he used to have his cars fixed there in the late 1960s. The Les Bierk franchise eventually ended up in the hands of Hanley Dawson, the Downtown Chicago Cadillac Dealer, later moving to Schaumburg and became Patrick Cadillac.



Our annual April 1st Newsletter always brings comments; but this year we got letters, e-mails, text messages, phone calls and one creepy late night in-person visit (okay, it was Fred Butalla and he is a REGULAR creepy late night visitor), but we were touched (more so than usual) by the trickling of response. Here is a sample:

Dear Editor,

I would like to point out that unless our Region Treasurer is banned from the Region immediately, we will likely find ourselves subject of a lawsuit which our Region will be unable to financially fight and win. The current White House administration has banned all DEI initiatives. Yet our Treasurer, Dan Graziadei has continued to ignore this Executive Order. Either Mr. Graziadei must change his last name, or we must ban him from the Region. The Order is clear and leaves no doubt to this required action. Please make sure Mr. Schumann gives this his utmost and immediate attention.

Regards,

A Concerned Member

Tom,

You really out did yourself with the story of invasion and occupation. It's about time that the WOTL Region occupied Wisconsin and defeated the Badger Region. All hail the victors as the WOTL Region will again make Milwaukee famous for abolishing DEI and making Wisconsin Great Again.

Lynn Gardner - Potomac Region Cadillac Club

Hi Tom: Congrats on a job well done. I have a meeting with Elon and Donald next week about deporting the State of Illinois to Ukraine, so don't count on any annexation of the Badger Region. - Ron Wichinski, Badger Region Director

Not related to the April 1st Newsletter (we hope), but Cory Lukibert from Cory's Cadillac Parts in Mayville, Wisconsin sent us these awesome pictures of his 1996 Cadillac Federal Hearse Ecto 1 Replica.


Who ya gonna call? Call Cory's Cadillac Parts 920-210-2225.



West of the Lake Region member Robert Kravitz is an avid collector of vintage Cadillac Ads. Every once in a while, Robert finds a particularly striking ad and shares it with us. This one was too pretty not to share with all of you. Thanks Robert!

owns by Edith Small

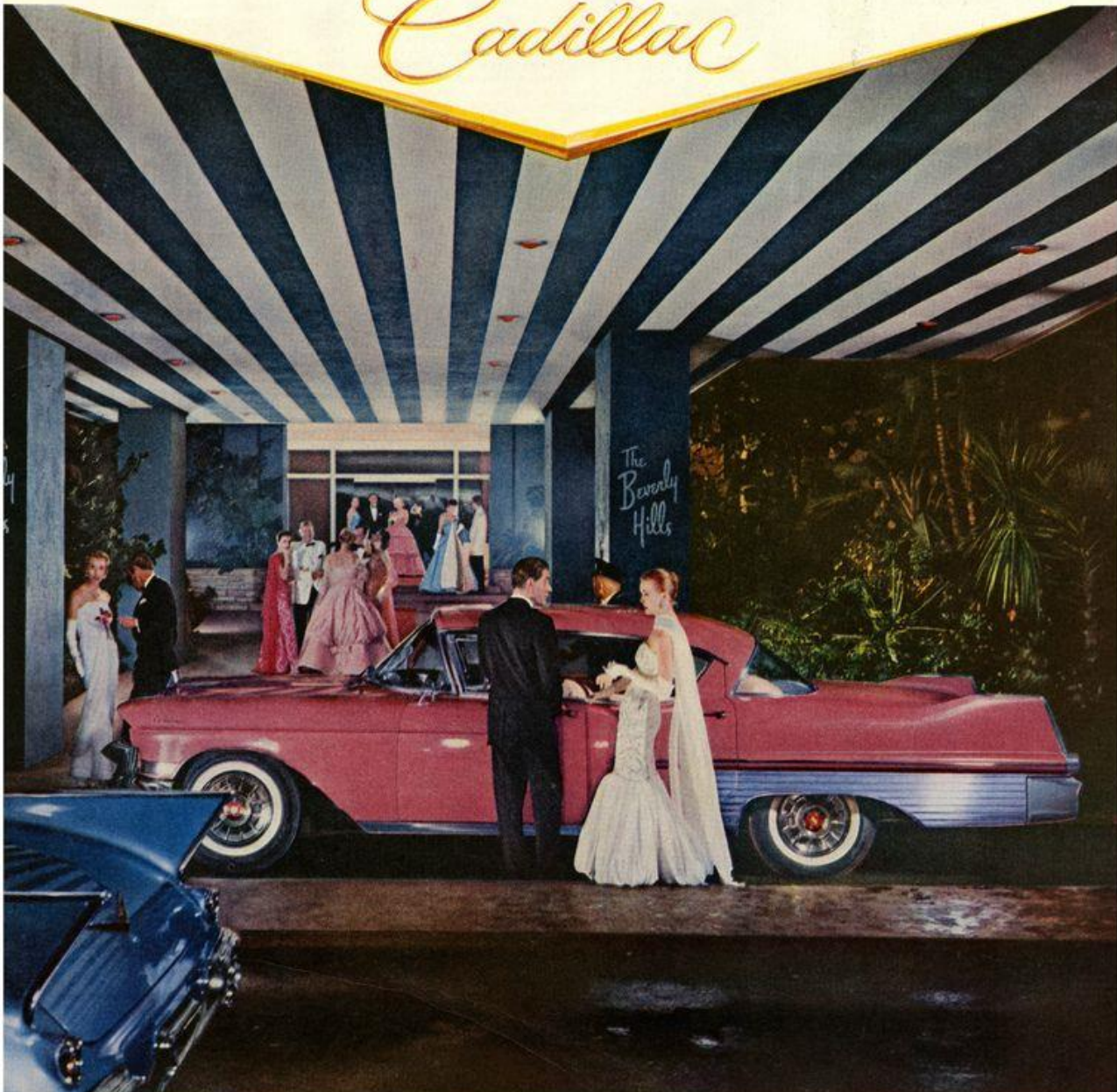
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WOTLR Director Dave Schumann provided this handy temperature conversion chart for people who might not understand the two seasons we have in Chicago: Winter and Construction.

Chicago Temperature Conversion Chart...

60 above...

- Floridians wear coats, gloves and woolly hats.
- Chicago people sunbathe.

50 above...

- New Yorkers try to turn on the heat.
- Chicago people plant gardens.

40 above...

- Italian cars won't start.
- Chicago people drive with the windows down.

32 above...

- Distilled water freezes.
- Lake Michigan's water begins to thicken.

20 above...

- Arizonians shiver uncontrollably.
- Chicago people have the last cook-out before it gets cold.

15 above...

- New York landlords finally turn up the heat after receiving a summons.
- Chicago people throw on a sweatshirt.

0 degrees...

- Texans invade Mexico.
- Chicago people give the bicycle one last spin.

20 below...

- People in Miami cease to exist.
- Chicago people get out their winter coats.

40 below...

- California freeways are desolate.
- Chicago's Girl Scouts begin selling cookies door to door.

60 below...

- Polar bears begin to evacuate Antarctica.
- Chicago's Boy Scouts postpone "Winter Survival" classes until it gets cold enough.

80 below...

- Mt. St. Helen's freezes over.
- Chicago people rent a few videos for the evening.

100 below...

- Santa Claus abandons the North Pole.
- Chicago people get frustrated when they can't thaw the keg.

297 below...

- Microbial life no longer survives on dairy products.
- Illinois cows complain of farmers with cold hands.

460 below...

- Hell freezes over.
- The Chicago Cubs win the World Series

Cadillac confirms the 2026 OPTIQ-V



2026 Cadillac OPTIQ-V

Cadillac has confirmed the OPTIQ has earned the V-Series badge. The 2026 OPTIQ-V will be part of **Cadillac's fifth generation of the V-Series portfolio**, elevating the brand's performance offering. Building on OPTIQ's agile drive, Cadillac engineers delivered a unique package prioritizing precision, a dynamic suspension and tight steering for an exhilarating driving experience!



2026 Cadillac OPTIQ-V

The West of the Lake Region now has a Club Apparel Store! Click on the link and you can buy any of a dozen different kinds of shirts, jackets, hats, totes or even a banner for your garage.

A portion of the proceeds comes back to our local region to help fund fun activities. So show off your pride in the West of the Lake Region and shop our Club Apparel Store today!



<https://gmclubapparel.com/collections/cadillac-west-of-the-lake-region>



WEST OF THE LAKE REGION MONTHLY MINUTES APRIL 29, 2025

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: David Schumann, Dan Graziadei, Paul Casey, Ron Schweitzer, Ryan Travis

ABSENT: Valerie Brown

The meeting was called to order at 7:36pm by Director, David Schumann

New member: Robert Kravitz returning to WOTLR

Treasurer Report—read by Dan Graziadei for March 2025

David Schumann read automotive history facts.

Bradley House Tour – a huge success with more than a dozen members enjoying the historical house and lunch.

Triton College Car Show – almost 1,000 cars. Matt McLinn reports a number of WOTLR members were present, suggests we go as a group next year.

Dave Schumann went to the Jefferson County Swap Meet. 67 Sedan deVille \$12,000 / 69 Eldorado \$19,000 / 63 Fleetwood \$12,500 / 50 Series 62 \$22,500 / 57 Eldorado Brougham \$64,000.

NEW BUSINESS

DONATIONS needed for CLCMRC auction at the Grand National. Bring items to the Grand National or contact Dave Schumann if you have items but aren't going.

CAR SHOWS

August 16—Patrick Cadillac Schaumburg. David Schumann has contacted and invited the Badger Region as well as the Allante Club. It will be all day.

Glen Ellyn Vintage Auto Fest June 7th

Covenant of Batavia car parade June 20th

AACA Carpentersville Car Show July 20th

Geneva Concours De Elegance August 24th

Paul Casey has been in contact with Ettleston Cadillac in Hodgkins. Dates are wide open for a car show.

Naperville Cadillac staff wanted to do a car show, management said no.

GRAND NATIONAL—

Cynthia Rutledge, registration chairman, has reported 97 cars and 196 people have registered thus far. May 2 ends early registration at \$85 per person, \$120.00 per person until May 16, registration will be \$170.00 per person after that. You are able to register on site.

MAY OUTING – Klairmont Collection 3117 N. Knox, Chicago, Sunday May 18 from 11AM-1PM. Details by e-mail next week.

BADGER REGION – June 21st in Green Bay, tour of the Railroad Museum and Green Bay Packers Hall of Fame.

WOTLR PICNIC – Matt is looking at available dates at a Forest Preserve

GARAGE TOUR – More than a dozen are interested in a future tour of member's garage car collections.

SOLD! – Dave Schumann sold his 1989 Eldorado

LEADS

Steve Guertler would like a CTSV and is selling a 1980 El Dorado. Steveguertler8@gmail.com

Vicki --1991 Brougham dElegance. 48K miles

Paul Casey – 1978 Cadillac Seville White

Meeting adjourned at 8:30PM

Submitted,

Tom Orlando for Valerie Leon Brown

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Recording Secretary

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Goodies For Sale!	Glenn Brown is selling a 1963 Cadillac Trunk Lid and a 2025 Mini Refrigerator. See details on Page 21. Ron Schweitzer is selling his 1991 Coupe deVille. See Page 22. Grandma quit Driving and her 1992 Brougham is for sale. See details on Page 23.


Monthly Zoom Meeting Link

The Zoom simulcast of our monthly meeting is a hit! If you can't join us in person at 7:30pm Central Time on the last Tuesday of the month, be sure to Zoom in using the following link:

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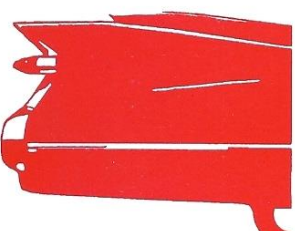
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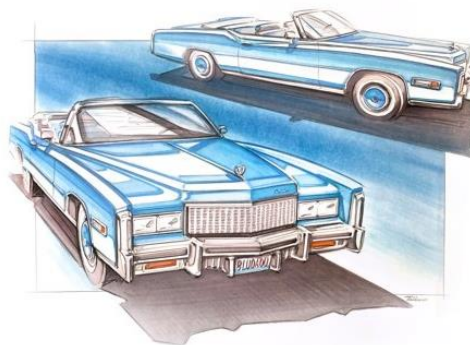
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Look for Rich and his new CT6 at a.....there it was.....you missed it; well keep looking, eventually you'll see it. It has to slow down once in a while.

Congratulations Rich!

Glenn Brown is selling a Deck Lid (Trunk – or Boot for the British) from a 1963 Cadillac deVille. Beige, solid with some surface rust. The trunk light has been removed but is included. \$150



A 3.3 Cubic Foot Refrigerator used for 10 days in March. Still under warranty, paid \$100, Best Offer.

Contact Glenn at a65caddy@sbcglobal.net or 708-278-6194



Ron Schweitzer is selling his 1991 Cadillac Coupe deVille. Very good condition. Everything works well. Interior is in excellent condition with the exception of the driver's door armrest having the usual splits. Brand new tires and tune up. 93k miles. Asking \$6,300 obo. Contact Ron at 630-956-3504.



96 Year old lady from St. Charles has given up driving and her 1992 Cadillac Brougham needs a new loving home.

The car is a one owner standard Brougham with a 5.0 Liter engine, 200,000 miles, leather seats, well documented maintenance. Light Driftwood all the way around. Asking \$5,000.

Tom Lee 330-327-0118



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